

Attachment C

In the Claims:

Claims 1-30 (canceled)

31. (new) A method for wrapping an article with a heat shrinkable polymeric film comprising:
- (a) providing a polymeric film produced by a process including stretching said film mainly in its longitudinal direction, said stretching being by means comprising at least one pair of rollers rotating in mutually different linear velocities, the gap between said rollers being at least 10 times smaller than the width of said film to obtain a heat shrinkable polymeric film;
 - (b) surrounding at least a portion of the outer surface of said article with a portion of said heat shrinkable polymeric film; and
 - (c) heating said heat shrinkable polymeric film so as to shrink it around said article.
32. (new) A method according to claim 31, wherein said gap is smaller than the width of said film by a factor of between 10 and 5000, preferably between 50 and 2500.
33. (new) A method according to claim 31, wherein step (b) is carried out in the *wrap around* method or the sleeve method.
34. (new) A method according to claim 31, wherein said article is a container.
35. (new) A method according to claim 34, wherein said container is cylindrical and has a non-uniform diameter.
36. (new) A method according to claim 35, wherein the shrinkable film is used with its shrinkable dimension in the direction of the film flow.

37. (new) A method according to claim 31, wherein said film shrinks to between about 90% and about 10% of its original dimension.
38. (new) A method according to claim 37, wherein said film shrinks to about 40% or less of its original dimensions.
39. (new) A method according to claim 31, wherein said polymeric film comprises a polymer selected from the group consisting of: polystyrene, polyolefins, polyvinylchloride, polyamides, polyester, nylon, copolymers thereof, and mixtures thereof.
40. (new) A method according to claim 39, wherein said polyolefin is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene and polypropylene.
41. (new) A method according to claim 31, wherein said polymer film is capable of acting as a barrier against gas diffusion and/or UV radiation.
42. (new) A method according to claim 41, wherein said gas is oxygen, nitrogen, air, CO₂ and/or water vapor.
43. (new) An article wrapped with a heat shrinkable polymeric film in accordance with the method of claim 31.
44. (new) An article according to claim 43, having a form of a cylinder with non-uniform diameter.
45. (new) An article according to claim 44, wherein the film wrapped around it is printed to form a label.
46. (new) A method according to claim 31, further comprising the following step after step (a):
 - (a1) attaching said heat shrinkable polymeric film to at least one polymeric film to obtain a heat shrinkable multilayer; whereby
 - steps (b) and (c) subsequently include
 - (b) surrounding at least a portion of the outer surface of said article with a portion of said heat shrinkable multilayer; and
 - (c) heating said heat shrinkable multilayer so as to shrink it around said article.

47. (new) A method according to claim 46, wherein said attaching mentioned in (a1) is carried out by lamination or by coextrusion.
48. (new) A method according to claim 31, wherein said polymeric film is composed of a plurality of layers attached to each other to produce a multilayer.
49. (new) A polymeric sheet that is unidirectionally shrunk in the machine direction to 50% or less of its original dimension, preferably to 40% or less of its original dimension.
50. (new) A polymeric sheet made of polyolefin, unidirectionally shrunk in the machine direction to 70% or less of its original dimension, preferably to 60% or less of its original dimension.
51. (new) An article wrapped with a polymeric sheet in a wrap-around method along a first and a second location, the circumference in said first location being 50% smaller or more than a circumference in the second location.
52. (new) An article wrapped with a polymeric sheet in a wrap-around method along a first and a second location, the circumference in said first location being 30% smaller or more than a circumference in the second location, characterized in that said polymeric sheet is olefinic.
53. (new) An article according to claim 52, wherein said polymeric sheet is made of polyethylene and/or polypropylene.